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## Minutes 07-21-2010

### MEETING MINUTES July 21, 2010

Members Present: John Bean, Barbara Cutler, Janice Dallas, Kerrie Fallon,  
Barbara Jones, Maureen St. Hilaire

Members Absent: Lin Baker, Susan James

Others Present: Jack Jones

#### Bus Shelters:

John Bean said that a representative from the MBTA discussed at a public meeting the possibility of installing bus shelters in Arlington. The bus shelters would only be installed at locations that have significant ridership and all bus shelters would be accessible. The bus shelters would be installed at no cost to the Town if advertising were allowed. John Bean said that the business that would install the bus shelters would take responsibility for the maintenance of the shelters. In addition if the Town agrees to have bus shelters installed the Town would also receive \$1,400 per year for each bus shelter. Jack Jones said that the Board of Selectmen would make a decision on bus shelters in September.

#### Portable Toilets:

Jack Jones said that Joe Connelly, Director of Recreation, has informed himself that each play field that has a portable toilet will have at least one accessible portable toilet. Joe Connelly said that CDBG funding would be used to pay the additional cost of the accessible portable toilets.

#### Commission Membership:

Jack Jones said that Christine Connolly, Director of Human Services, whom has recommended Heidi Hample to fill the opening on the Disability Commission, interviewed Heidi Hample. Jack Jones said that Brian Sullivan, Town Manager, would make a final decision on the appointment.

#### Town Day:

Jack Jones said that he has reserved a Disability Commission table for Town Day, which will be held on September 25, 2010.

#### Curb Cut Ramps:

John Bean said that a request to the Capital Budget should be made to the Town for curb cut funding. Kerrie Fallon recognized the appreciation of the Commission for the support that has been provided by John Bean. Jack Jones said that the Town has contracted with Larovere Construction for the installation of curb cut ramps along Lake Street, Waldo Road, and Raleigh St.

#### Robbins Library:

Barbara Cutler said that the Commission would present to the Robbins Library the following books in observance of the twenty-year celebration of the ADA. The books are No Pity by Joseph Shapiro, The Special Needs Planning Guide by John Nadworny and Cynthia Haddad, Nothing About Us Without Us by James Charlton, Special Education Law by Peter Wright, and Pamela Wright, and From Emotion to Advocacy by Pam Wright and Pete Wright.

#### Other Business:

Jack Jones said that the MBTA has received ARRA funds for improvements to the twenty most used bus routes. Jack Jones said that the 77 Bus Route, which is in the top twenty usage routes, would receive \$250,000 from these ARRA funds. Decisions will be made next spring on how to spend these funds. The Town has requested input from the Disability Commission.

John Bean said that the bricks at the entry of the Senior Center on Maple Street would be removed and replaced with a smoother concrete surface. John Bean said that area involved is approximately 25' x 17' and will be paid for out of the Public Works Budget.

Jack Jones said that the Massachusetts Office on Disability has sent out twenty-five copies to the Commission the requested booklet on Disability Rights Laws in Massachusetts.

John Bean said that he would purchase two accessible swings this year and two swings next year if funding allows. The Commission recommended installing the swings this year at the Bracket School and Spy Pond Field.

#### Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 P.M.